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Re: Docjet #98P-0203/CP

Dear FDA:

I urge you to grant the petition filed under the above referenced docket # that would eliminate the practice of forced molting. Forced molting is cruel and inhumane. This practice requires starving the hens which wrecks their immune systems resulting in Salmonella Enteritidis bacterial poisoning of not only the hens, but their eggs as well.

Forced molting is banned in Britain and should be in the United States, too. Please do whatever you can to put an end to this practice once and for all! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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